

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action set forth an election requirement requiring applicant to elect a single species from the following groups of species:

Species A:	Claim 1;
Species B:	Claim 2;
Species C:	Claims 3-18; and
Species D:	Claims 19-36.

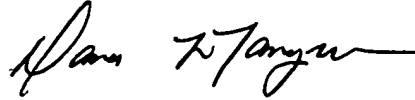
Claims 1, 2, 3, and 19 are independent claims. Claims 4-18, however do not all depend from claim 3 but rather select claims depend from claims 1, 2, or 3. On July 6, 2005, applicant contacted the Examiner who confirmed that the claims corresponding to Species A-C in the Office Action were not correct. That is, Species A-C should correspond to independent claims 1-3, respectively, with dependent claims 4-18 being combined with the corresponding claims from which they depend.

In view of the foregoing, applicant elects Species A that includes claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, and 16. The remaining claims are withdrawn from consideration. As such, claims 2, 3, 5-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17-36 have been withdrawn herein.

Should the Examiner find any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 10 day of July 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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